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SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Sir, I have got a copy of the '*Viduthalai*'.

MR. SPEAKER : I have also got a copy of the '*Viduthalai*' which the hon. member has given me. But I want to know how it is incorrect.

SRI V. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Mr. Speaker, with your kind permission . . .

MR. SPEAKER : No. permission is granted. If the hon. Member (Sri V. Krishnamoorthy) gets up again. I will be very serious. Now, the point is, is there anything incorrect in the report?

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Yes. Sir. In the main question . . .

MR. SPEAKER : What is the main question?

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Sir, the main question is—
சர்க்கார் பஸ் போக்குவரத்துத் துறையில் நஷ்டம் எனக் காட்டப்பட்டிருப்பது குறித்து . . .
Moreover, they have put in the front portion 'அசெம்பிளியில் க. து. க்களின் கண்மூடிக் கேள்விகள்'

MR. SPEAKER : I could see it. Is there anything wrong or distorted in the supplementary question and the answer given?

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : But, the general effect that has been created . . .

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member says that nothing has been omitted in the supplementary question and answer . .

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : If it is separately taken . . .

MR. SPEAKER : If it is not put along with that . . .

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Yes, I am not objecting to that . . .

MR. SPEAKER : I shall give my ruling tomorrow.

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO PLIGHT OF HANDLOOM WEAVERS.

திரு. து. ப. அழகமுத்து : தலைவர் அவர்களே, கைத்தறித் துணிகள் பெரும் அளவில் தேங்கிக் கிடப்பதால், இம் மாநிலத்தில் உள்ள பல்வேறு நெசவாளர் கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கங்களுக்கும் நெசவாளர்களுக்கும் ஏற்பட்டுள்ள இடர்ப்பாடுகள் குறித்த அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த விஷயத்தை நான் கனம் தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்களின் கவனத்திற்குக்கொண்டு வருகிறேன்.

*THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to make the following statement :—

A representation was received from the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society that there were heavy accumulations of handloom cloth with the Weavers' Co-operative

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Societies in the State. During the Pongal season the Government permitted the sanction of special additional rebate of 5 nP. in the rupee on retail sales of handloom cloth by Weaver's Co-operative Societies and Consumers' Co-operatives for eight days in January 1963, to enable the societies to clear off their accumulated stocks which were worth Rs. 3 crores. Even though the sales during the Pongal season have been satisfactory, the stocks of the cloth remaining at the end of the period are still larger than usual on account of certain extraordinary developments during this year viz., 1962-63. On account of the National Emergency, the off-take of goods from this State in Upper India came to a virtual standstill. The credit contraction effected by the Banks also had its effect on marketing. The usual Handloom week celebrations which were an opportunity to dispose of stocks also were not celebrated this year owing to the National Emergency. All these factors had cumulatively contributed to the Weavers' Co-operative Societies holding stocks worth about Rs. 364 lakhs. While the holding capacity of the societies is normally two months, at present the Co-operatives are nearly having four months' stocks. This position is further aggravated by the fact that the stocks are held at the end of the peak sales season with no immediate prospects of the clearance of the goods in the coming few months.

The accumulation of stocks has caused considerable concern to the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society and difficulties to the primaries affecting production and contracting employment opportunities and straining the resources of the societies. This Government were naturally anxious to remedy this situation effectively and quickly. At our instance, Government of India also concurred that the following measures be implemented immediately :—

(1) Sanction of special additional rebates of 5 nP. in the rupee on retail sales and 3 nP. in the rupee on wholesale sales of handloom cloth by Weavers' and Consumers' Co-operatives. The special rebates are to be given in addition to ordinary rebates of 5 nP. on retail sales and 3 nP. on wholesale sales.

(2) Conducting a sales promotion campaign for handloom fabrics for a period of 15 days to start with, with a prospect of extension of another fortnight. Efforts to be made for giving wide publicity in organising increased sales of handloom cloth in the city and in the districts avoiding all ostentations and extravagant expenditure.

This Government have also accordingly in G.O. Ms. No. 1198, Industries, Labour and Co-operation, dated 27th February 1963 issued orders. The Sales Promotion Campaign will commence from 1st March 1963.

Besides, the Government have also addressed the Reserve Bank to enhance the credit limit made available by it to the State Society for marketing of handloom cloth from Rs. 70 lakhs to Rs. 100 lakhs at least for a period of one year to enable the State Society to intensify procurement campaign of stocks.

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Thus, this Government have already taken effective steps to enable the societies to liquidate their stocks quickly. The Sales Promotion Campaign will also have its impact on the production and sale of handloom goods by Weavers outside the Co-operative fold.

MR. SPEAKER: According to the rules, no point of information can be raised on the statement made by a Minister in response to a calling attention notice under Rule 41.

Now, let us pass on to the next item in the agenda.

IV.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1963-64—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND NO. XVI—AGRICULTURE.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 6,27,39,000 under Demand No. XVI—Agriculture".

SRI K. S. MANI: Sir, I move—

"That the allotment of Rs. 6,27,39,000 under Demand No. XVI—Agriculture be reduced by Rs. 100".

(2) DEMAND NO. XVIII—ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,78,54,400 under Demand No. XVIII—Animal Husbandry".

SRI T. P. ALAGAMUTHU: Sir, I move—

"That the allotment of Rs. 1,78,54,400 under Demand No. XVIII—Animal Husbandry be reduced by Rs. 100".

(3) DEMAND NO. XXXIX—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON AGRICULTURE.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 8,75,000 under Demand No. XXXIX—Capital Outlay on Agriculture".

SRI M. KAMALANATHAN: Sir, I move—

"That the allotment of Rs. 8,75,000 under Demand No. XXXIX—Capital Outlay on Agriculture be reduced by Rs. 100".